THE GAMER

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ILLUST BY SANG-A

<HOW CAN YOU SLEEP AT THAT LEVEL?>

IT'S BEEN EXACTLY TEN HOURS.
IS THAT ALL?

TEN HOURS IN HERE IS ONLY AN HOUR OUT THERE.

SHOULD WE PUT IN A GOOD HUNDRED HOURS NOW THAT WE'RE HERE?

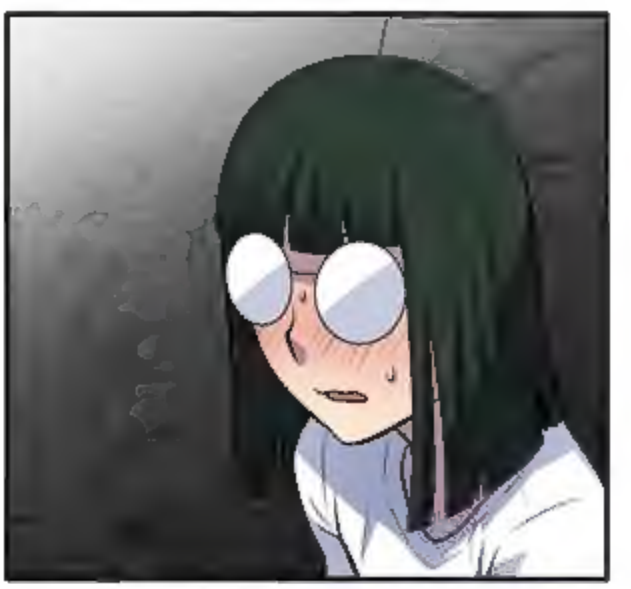
I-I'D RATHER JUST STOP.

YOU CAN'T BE SO CASUAL ABOUT THIS.
YOU'VE PUT YOUR LIFE ON THE LINE HERE.

S-STILL. WE CAN ALREADY BEAT LEVEL ONE.
WELL, THAT'S TRUE...

STILL, SINCE WE'RE ALREADY HERE...

GRRRR



AH.
SORRY.

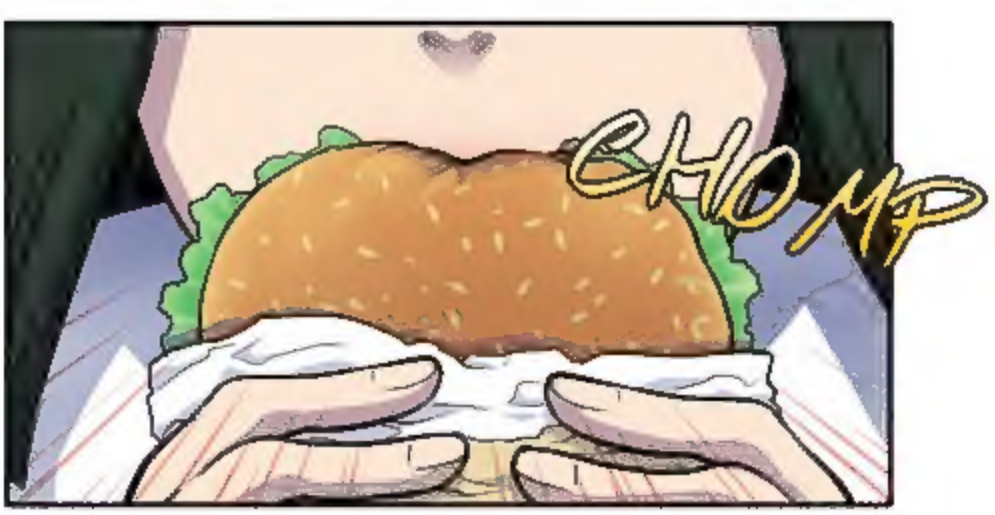
THIS, THIS IS YOUR FAULT!
I-I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE SO HUNGRY...

WHY AREN'T YOU HUNGRY?!
I-I'M NOT SURE.

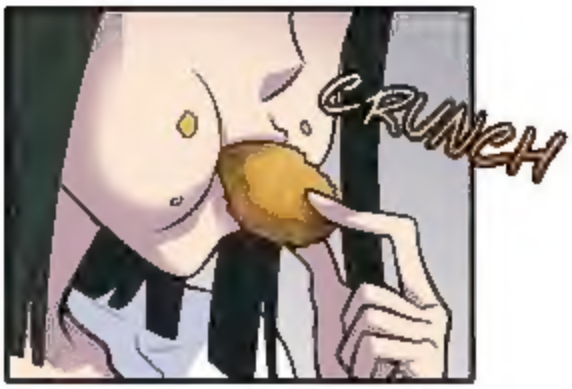
IS IT BECAUSE I'VE GOT A GAMER'S BODY?

COME TO THINK ABOUT IT... I'VE NEVER GOTTEN HUNGRY.
ALTHOUGH I ALWAYS EAT AT MEALTIMES.

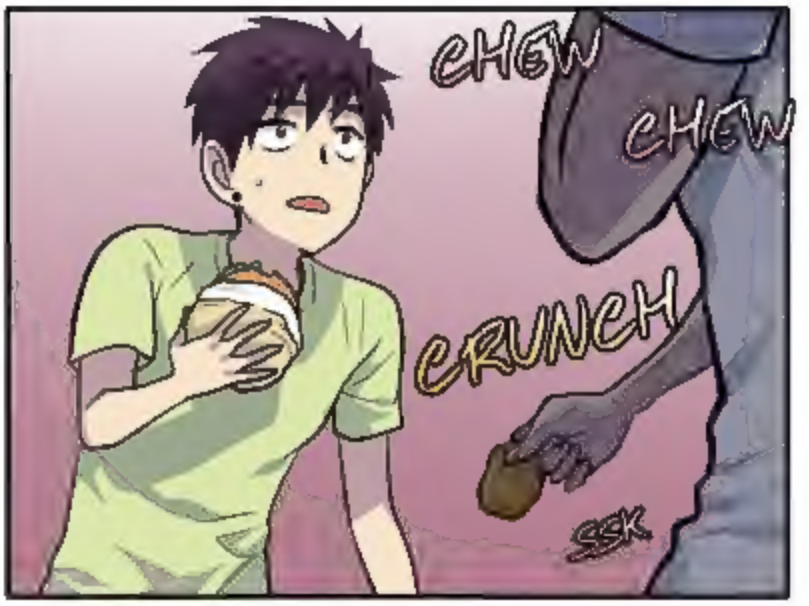
THEN LET'S LEAVE. WE'LL EAT AND REST A BIT.
OKAY.


CHOMP

YUM


CRUNCH

MUNCH


CHEW
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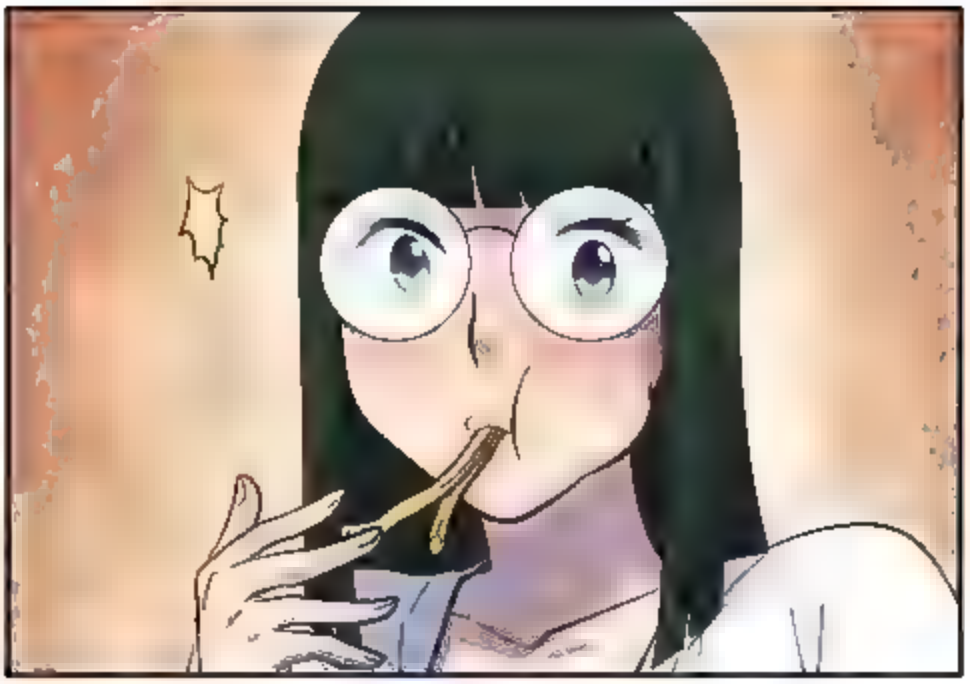
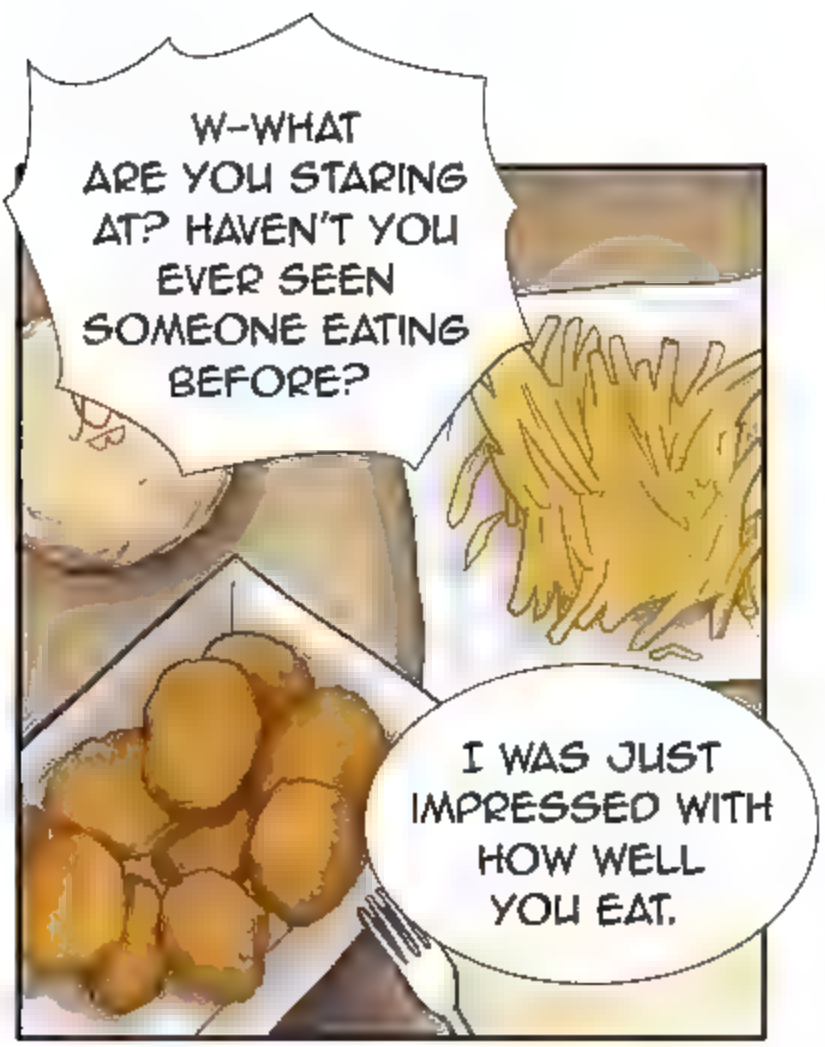
CRUNCH
SSK

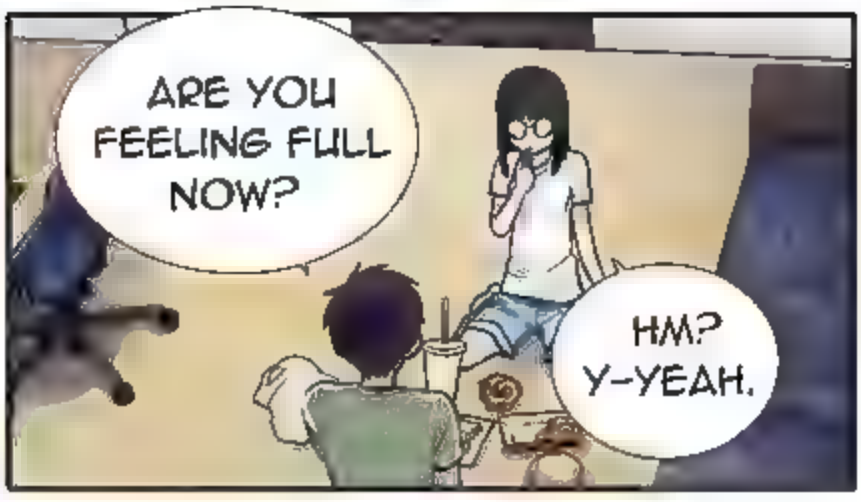
SHE REALLY LIKES EATING...




W-WHAT ARE YOU STARING AT? HAVEN'T YOU EVER SEEN SOMEONE EATING BEFORE?
I WAS JUST IMPRESSED WITH HOW WELL YOU EAT.

YOU KNOW YOU ATE MY STUFF TOO, RIGHT?
W-WELL I WAS HUNGRY! HMPH...

IT'S ALRIGHT, I DIDN'T MEAN ANYTHING BY IT SO YOU DON'T NEED TO BE SO EMBARRASSED.

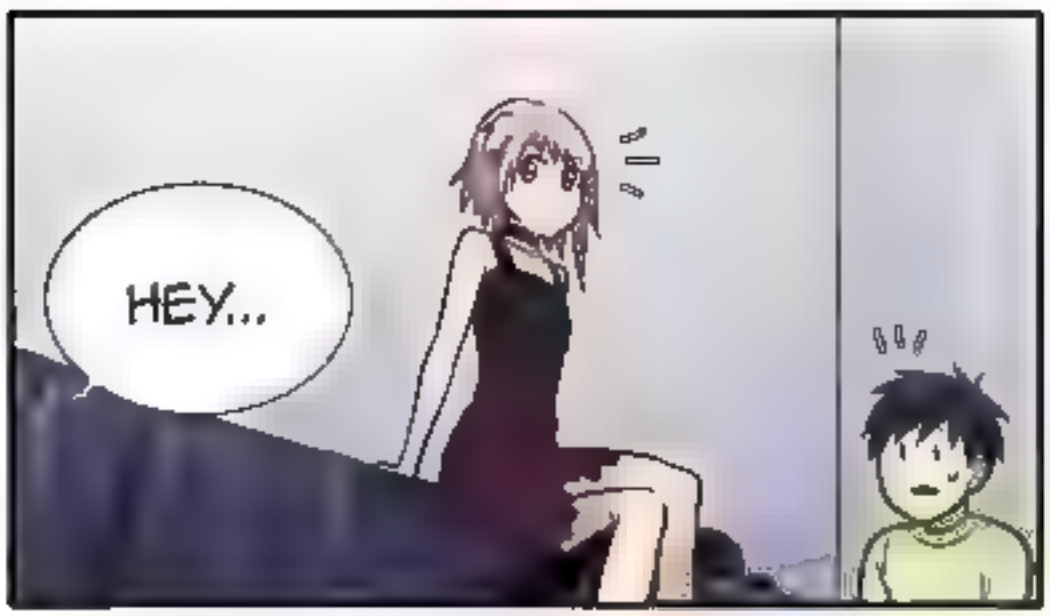

ARE YOU FEELING FULL NOW?
HM? Y-YEAH.

GOOD. THEN LET'S HEAD BACK AND LEVEL UP-
THERE'S NO NEED TO DO THAT.
JUMP
!

COULD YOU PLEASE MAKE A SOUND WHEN YOU COME IN!?
WHEW

YOU'RE WAY TOO DEFENSELESS, JIHAN. DIDN'T I TELL YOU THAT A MAGICIAN SHOULD ALWAYS BE PREPARED?
YOU SHOULD AT LEAST PUT UP A FORCEFIELD OR SOMETHING.
STRUT
STRUT
I HAVEN'T LEARNED ANYTHING LIKE THAT, THOUGH.

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH ALL THAT MONEY IF YOU DON'T EVEN LEARN BASIC DEFENSE?
PLOP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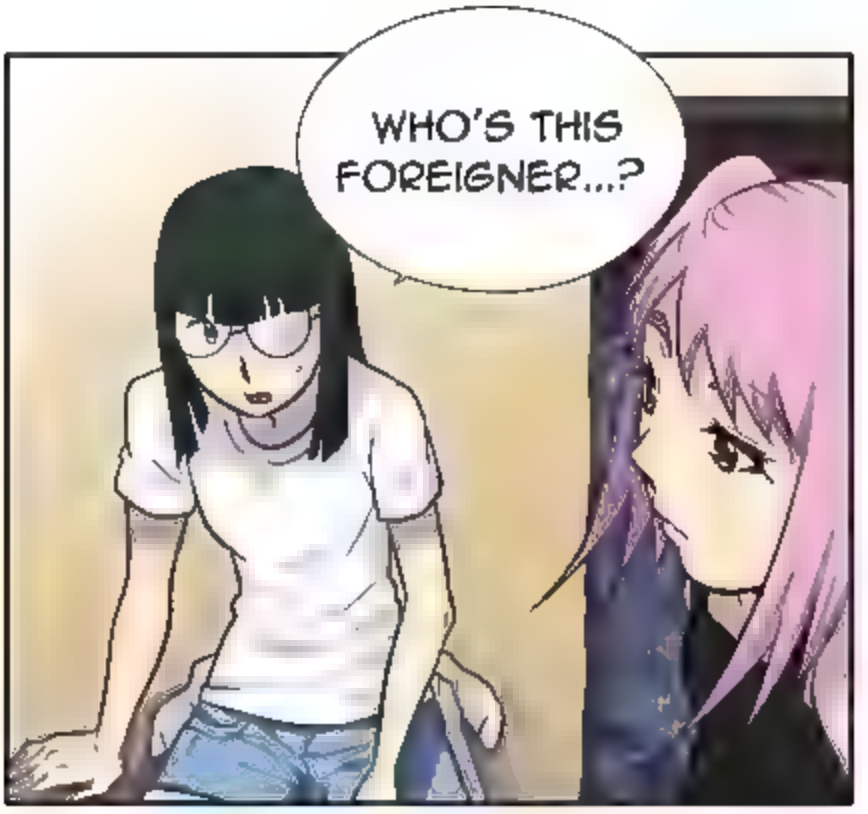
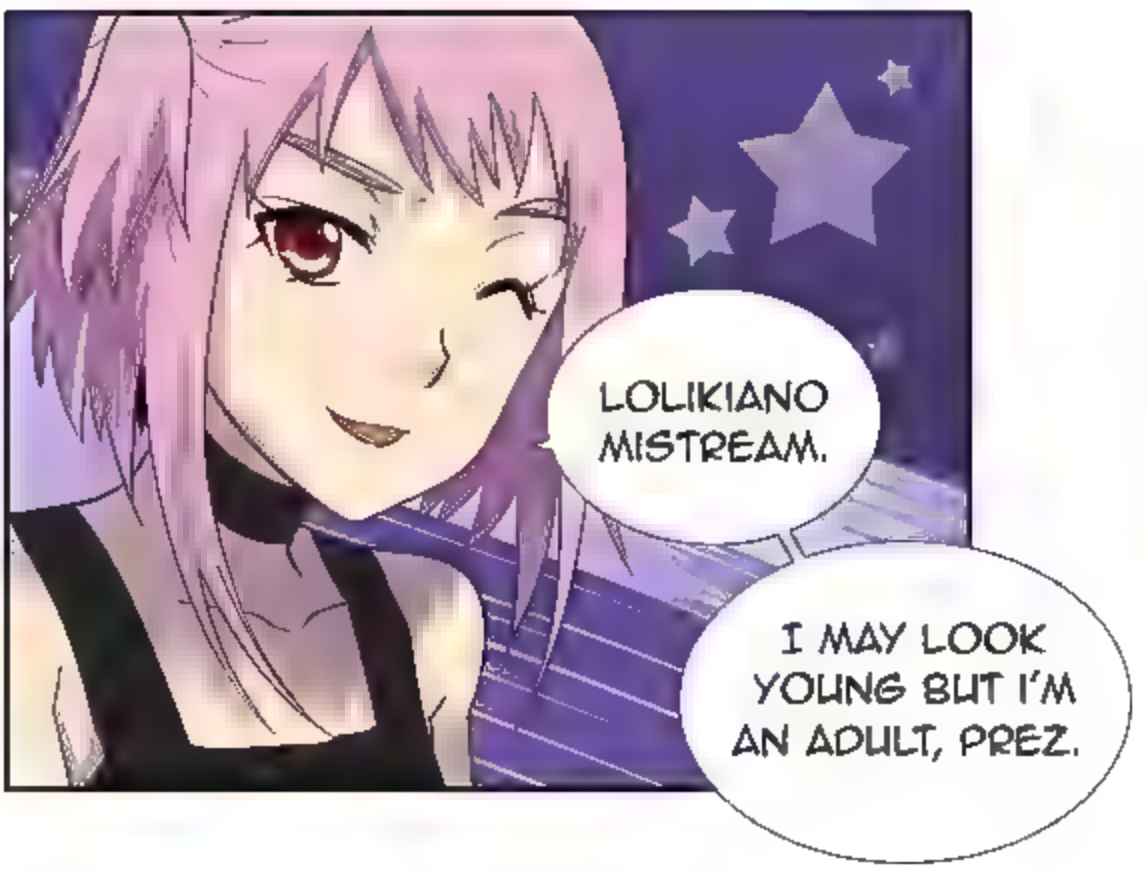
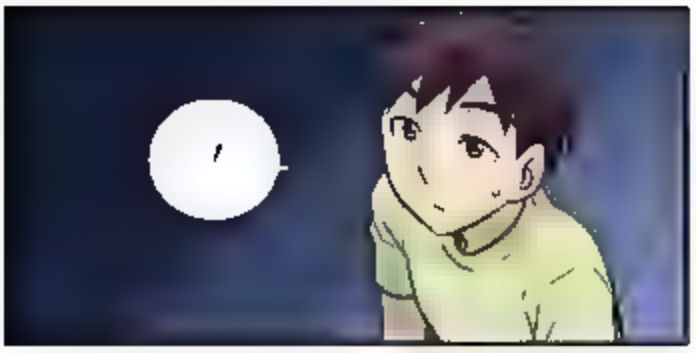
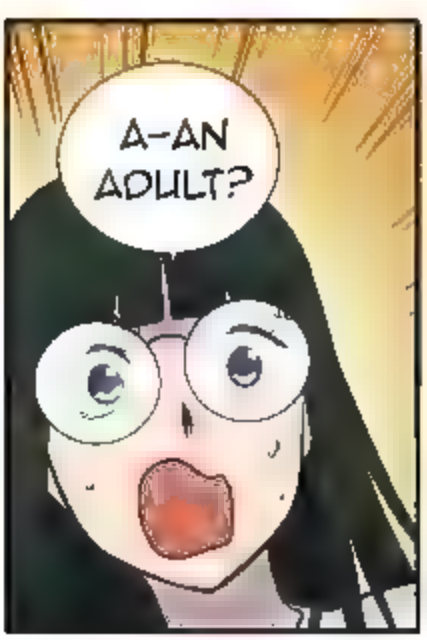

WHO'S THIS FOREIGNER...?

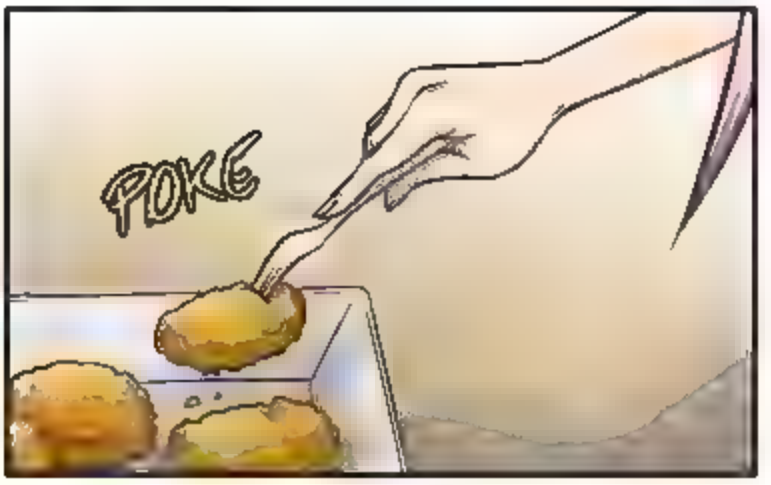

LOLIKIANO MISTREAM.
I MAY LOOK YOUNG BUT I'M AN ADULT, PREZ.

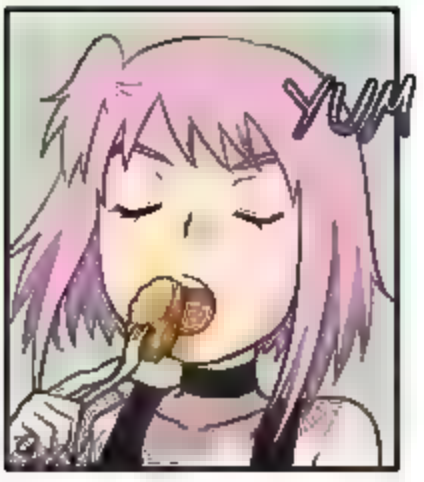


HOW DOES SHE KNOW ABOUT PREZ?

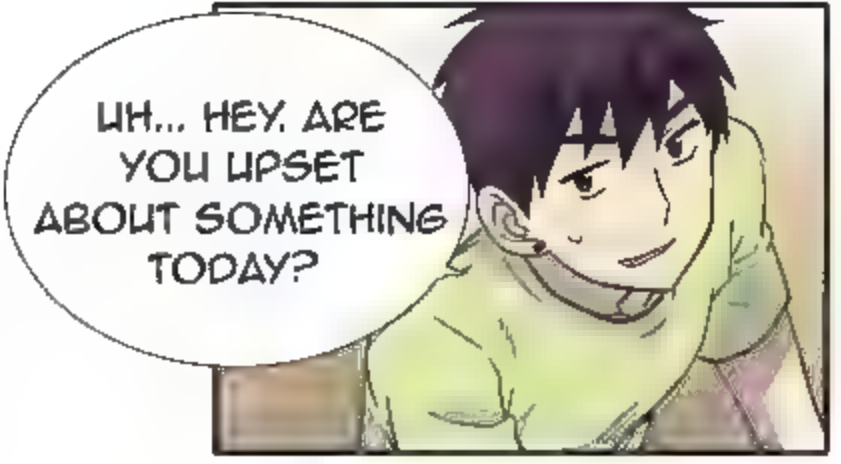

A-AN ADULT?

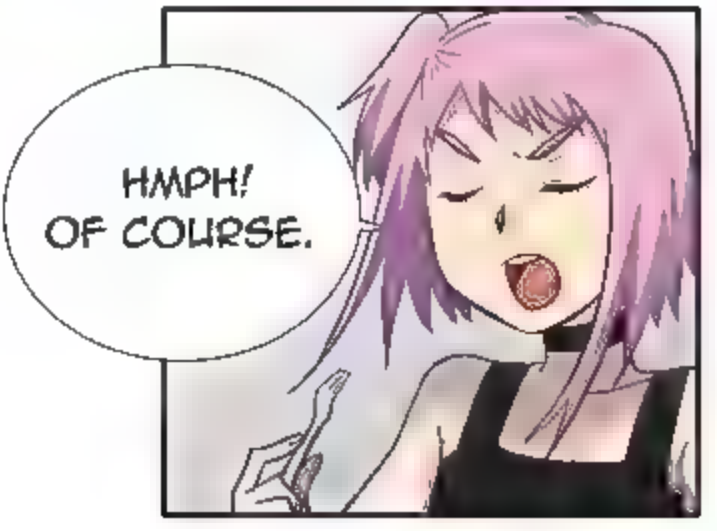
AND BY THE WAY, MY NAME ISN'T PREZ, IT'S-
SCK
WHATEVER. I'M GOING TO CALL YOU PREZ.

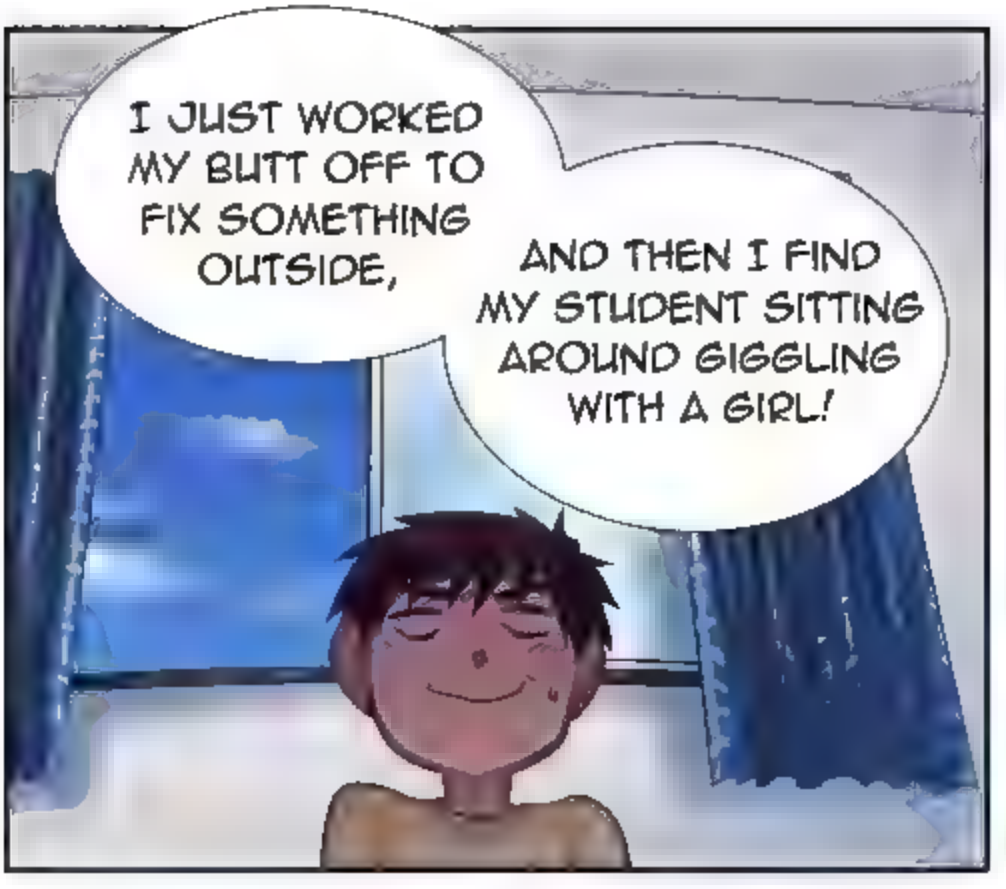

POKE


YUM

THAT'S GOOD.
CHICKEN IS ALWAYS TASTY.
CHEW
CHEW


UH... HEY. ARE YOU UPSET ABOUT SOMETHING TODAY?


HMPH! OF COURSE.

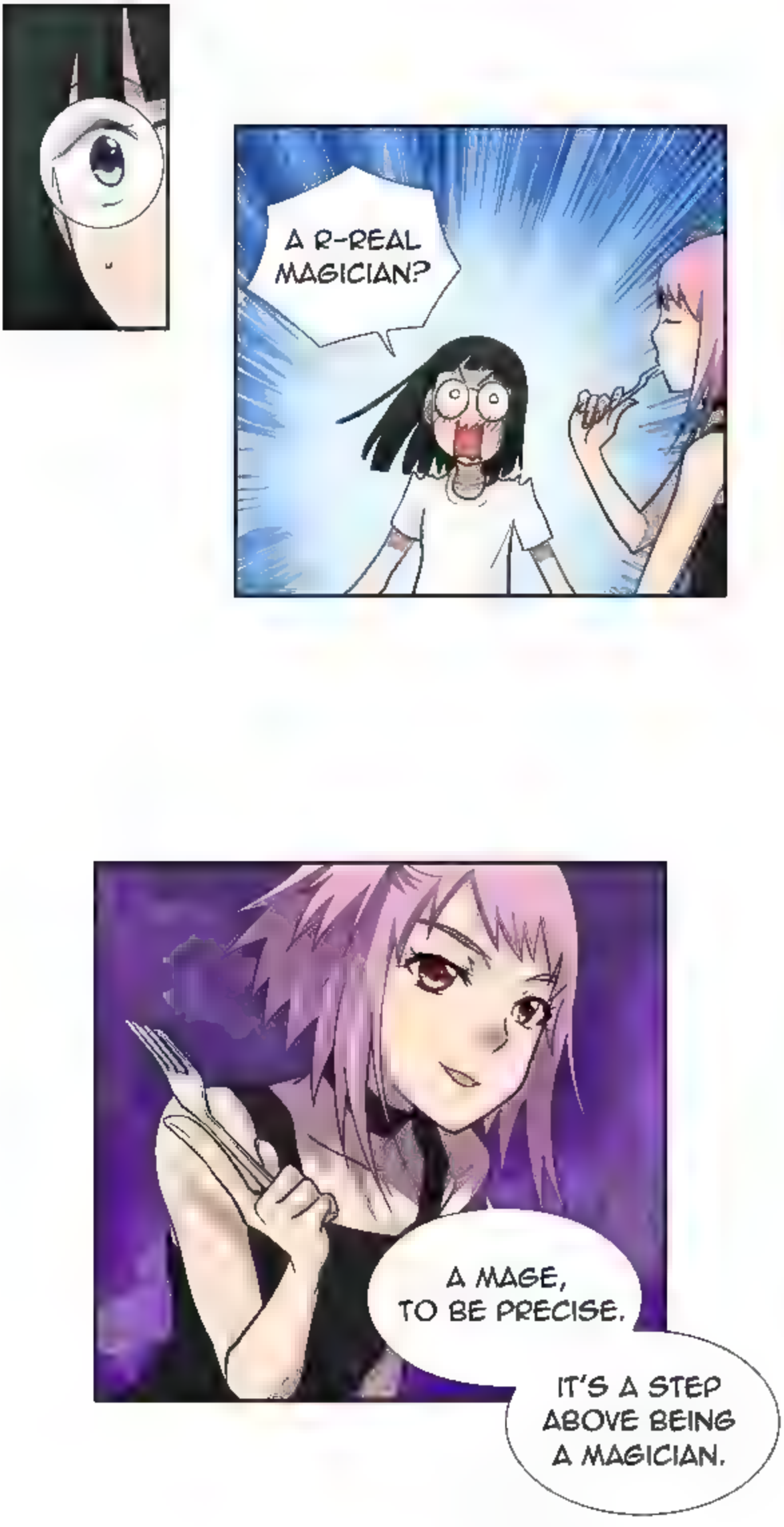

I JUST WORKED MY BUTT OFF TO FIX SOMETHING OUTSIDE,
AND THEN I FIND MY STUDENT SITTING AROUND GIGGLING WITH A GIRL!

BUT WE WEREN'T GIGGLING...
JUST SHUT UP!
OKAY...

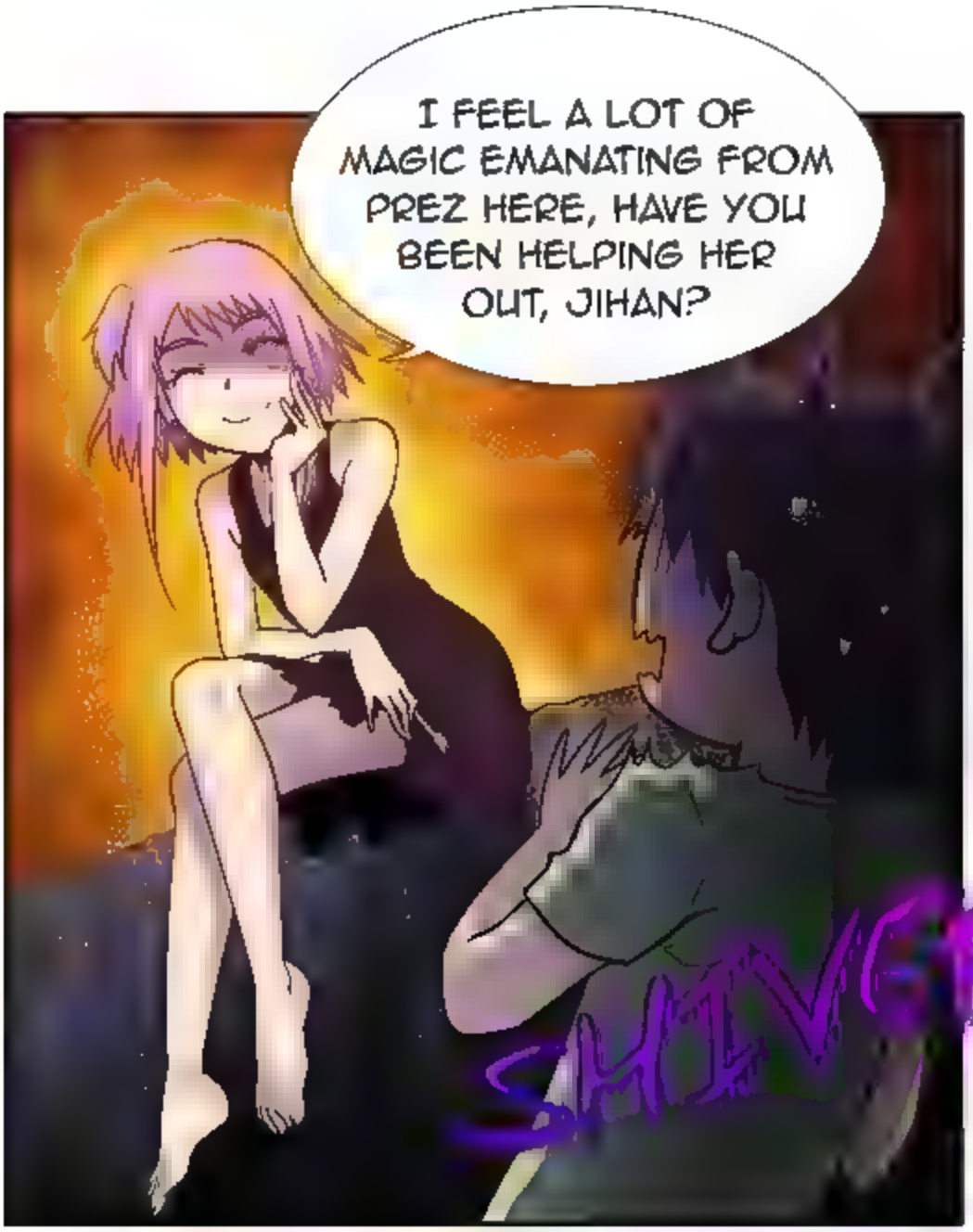
WHO IS SHE?

AHEM

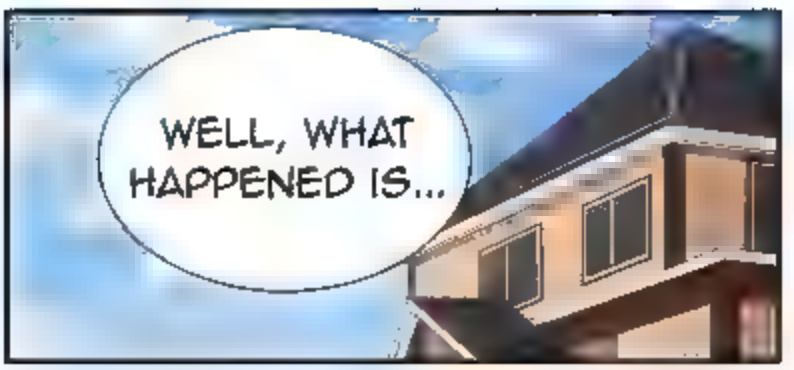
THIS IS MISS LOLIKIANO MISTREAM, MY WIZARD TEACHER.
AND THIS IS CLASS LEADER YUJIN KIM FROM MY CLASS.
I KNOW.
SO SHE DID KNOW!


A R-REAL MAGICIAN?
A MAGE, TO BE PRECISE.
IT'S A STEP ABOVE BEING A MAGICIAN.

ANYWAY...


I FEEL A LOT OF MAGIC EMANATING FROM PREZ HERE, HAVE YOU BEEN HELPING HER OUT, JIHAN?
SHIVER

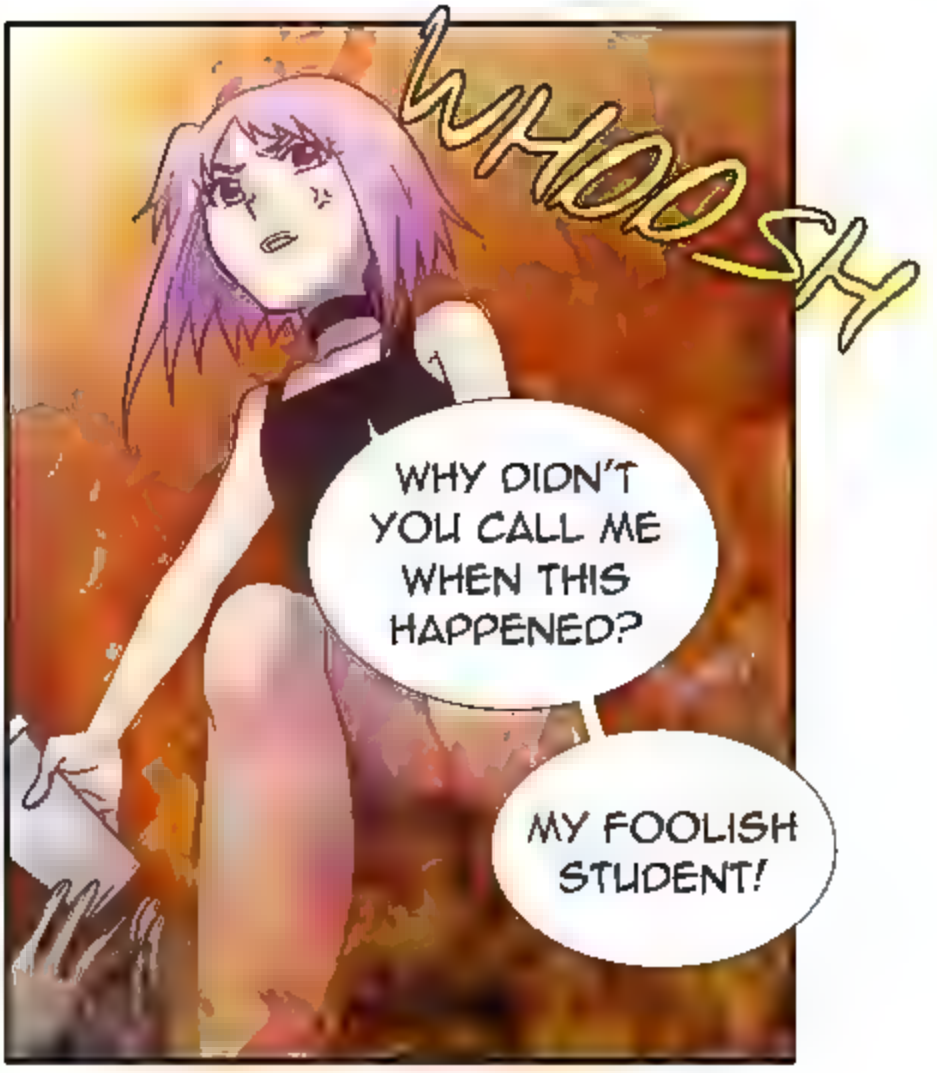
A-ARE YOU INSANE?
M-MASTER. THE REASON FOR THAT IS...
I'M GOING TO SHOVE THIS FORK UP YOUR NOSE IF IT'S NOT A GOOD REASON.
FLASH
S-SHE'S SO SCARY!!


WELL, WHAT HAPPENED IS...

SLURP

I SEE. WELL, I GUESS YOU COULDN'T REALLY HELP IT.

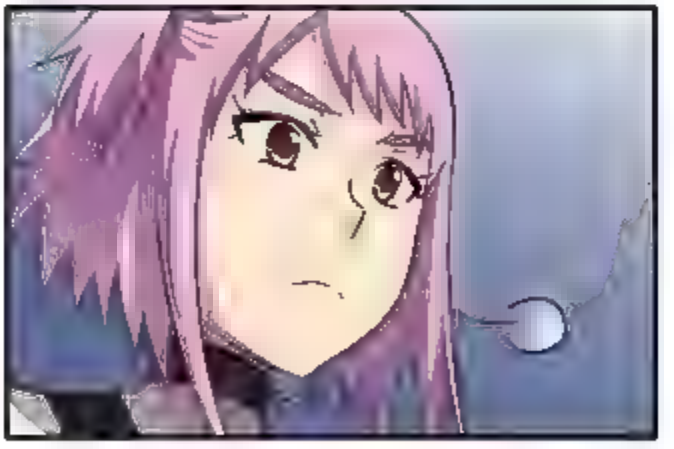
Y-YEAH, RIGHT?
HOWEVER!


WHOOSH
WHY DIDN'T YOU CALL ME WHEN THIS HAPPENED?
MY FOOLISH STUDENT!

I'M SORRY. I WAS FOOLISH.
IF YOU HAD JUST TOLD ME AFTER YOU HELPED PREZ ESCAPE FROM THE DUNGEON, SHE WOULDN'T HAVE FOUND OUT ABOUT THE ABYSS.
YOU'RE ABOUT AS SMART AS A PILE OF SEA CUCUMBER CRAP!

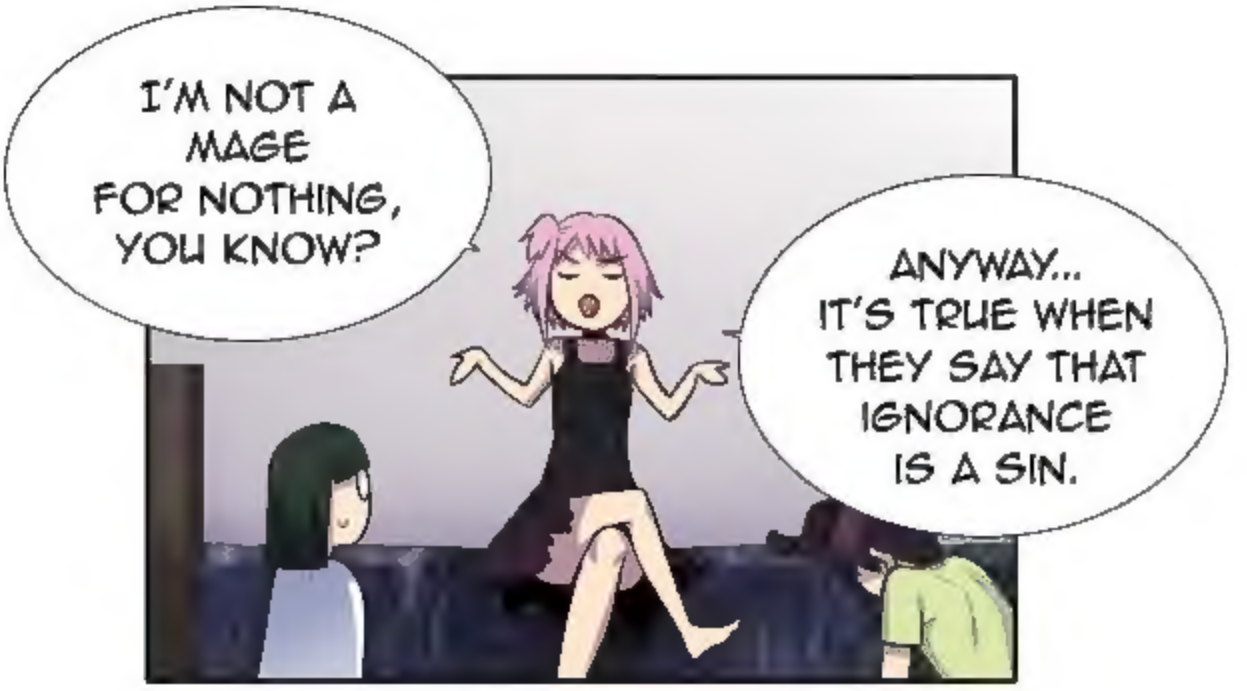
B-BUT... SHE WOULD GET DRAGGED BACK IN THERE IF I HAD JUST LEFT HER...
AND SHE'S ALREADY HAD A NEAR-DEATH EXPERIENCE...

THAT'S ENOUGH!
SORRY!



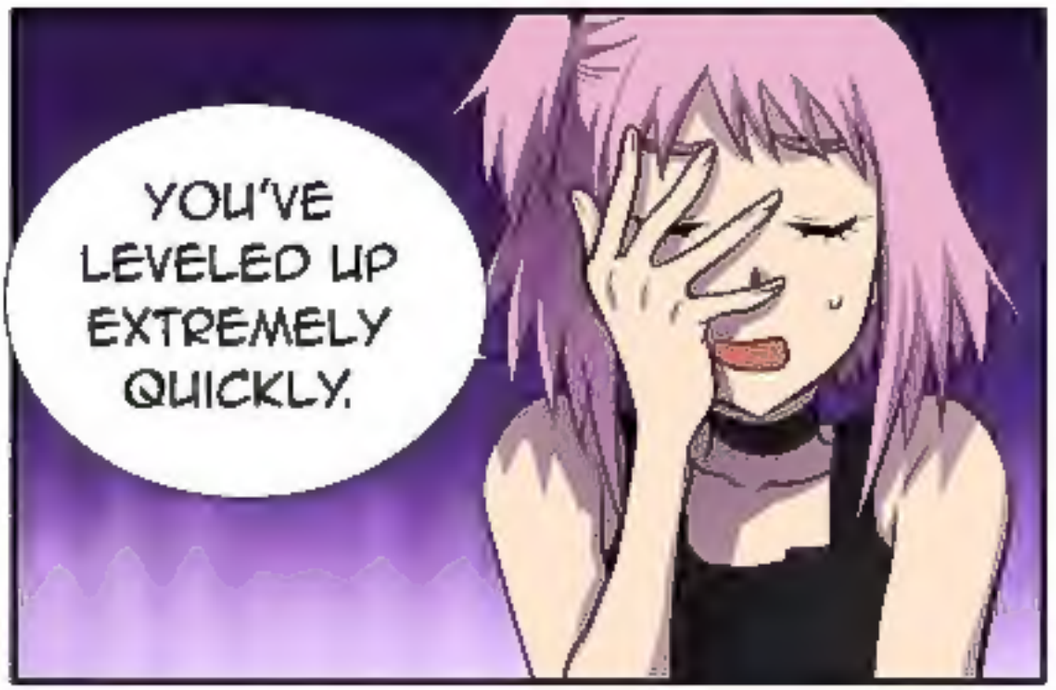
YOU SHOULD HAVE CALLED ME RIGHT AWAY!

I ALREADY KNOW HOW TO KEEP HER FROM NOT GOING THERE.
HUH? REALLY?


I'M NOT A MAGE FOR NOTHING, YOU KNOW?
ANYWAY... IT'S TRUE WHEN THEY SAY THAT IGNORANCE IS A SIN.

ANYWAY. PREZ.
Y- YES?!

WHAT LEVEL ARE YOU?
I'M AT LEVEL 36 NOW...


YOU'VE LEVELED UP EXTREMELY QUICKLY.

BUT IT SHOULD STILL BE OKAY.

NOW...
WHACK
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